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In re Application of:

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**APPARATUS TO REDUCE BASE DRAG  
BEHIND BLUFF BODIES (Amended)**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002 please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

Page 1, lines 1 through 6, cancel:

"Utility Patent Application of  
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TITLE:"

Page 1, line 15, cancel ~~BACKGROUND~~ --";

Page 1, line 20, after ~~"BACKGROUND"~~ insert -- OF THE INVENTION --;

Page 1, line 20 cancel ~~" - STATEMENT OF NEED - -~~;

PAGE 1, AS AMENDED, READS AS FOLLOWS: